

Council on Postsecondary Education
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Report on Statewide Faculty Development Conference

The fourth annual conference for faculty development took place May 20-21, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne in Louisville. The conference, sponsored by the council, is coordinated by the chief academic officers and their representatives to the statewide faculty development workgroup. The workgroup also includes a representative of Kentucky's independent institutions.

Nearly 300 faculty representing six independent and the nine public institutions attended the conference. The conference included 70 sessions focused on:

- Using technology to improve teaching and learning.
- Connecting classroom activities to community needs (service learning).
- Developing learning outcome measures.

Edward Zlotkowski of the American Association for Higher Education provided the opening keynote address. His talk, "Reconsidering Faculty Roles in the Wake of September 11," challenged participants to restructure teaching to address community needs leading to improved student learning and increased civic engagement. In the evening keynote, Gordon Davies described the importance of faculty in advancing Kentucky's postsecondary reform.

The closing luncheon featured the presentation of the first annual KYVU Online Excellence Awards. Six recipients were recognized for their high quality distance learning initiatives. A committee representing 12 Kentucky institutions selected these award winners from 21 nominations. Daniel Rabuzzi, KYVU chief executive officer, closed the conference by describing strategies to meet the technological changes faculty will face in the next 20 years.

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